



**JANUARY** 📅 Its official, NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin names George Abbey director of JSC after serving as acting director for several months. Abbey replaced Dr. Carolyn Huntoon after she was named to lead planning for a new sciences institute for biomedical research.



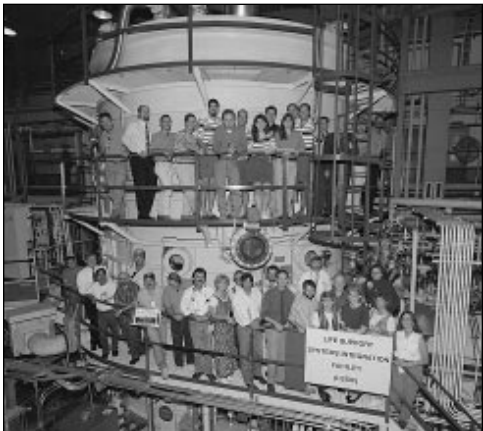
**MARCH** 📅 STS-76 lifted off March 22 to deliver the second American to the Russian Mir Space Station. Astronaut Shannon Lucid settled into to Mir while Astronauts Linda Godwin and Rich Clifford record the first space walk while docked to the Russian Outpost.



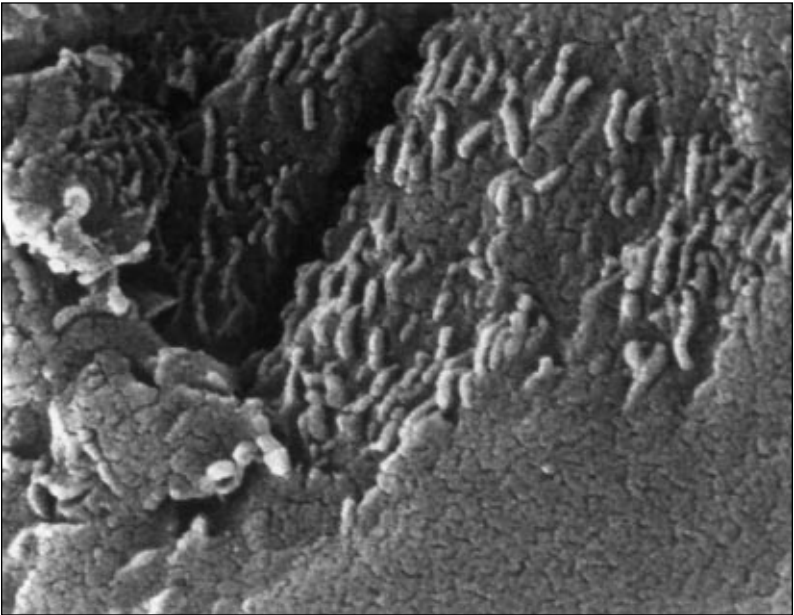
**APRIL** 📅 For the first time in history a Russian extravehicular space suit is lowered into the Weightless Environment Training Facility. The Orlan suit will remain at JSC to train astronauts and cosmonauts for the International Space Station.



**MAY** 📅 Bill West of Rockwell International carries the Olympic torch through the streets of Houston. West and Paula Vargas of Taft Broadcasting were selected to carry the torch because of their voluntary contributions to the community.



**JUNE** 📅 The Advance Life Support team takes a moment outside the regenerable life support test chamber before saying good-bye to co workers Doug Ming, John Lewis, Katy Hurlburt and Pat O'Rear who spent 30 days sealed inside the chamber.



**JULY** 📅 JSC and Stanford University scientists announce that this electron microscope image of a Mars meteorite strongly suggest primitive life may have existed on Mars more than 3.6 million years ago.



**AUGUST** 📅 While the weather may have kept large crowds away from JSC's Open House, the visitors who did brave the weather praised JSC employees and the space program.



**SEPTEMBER** 📅 President Bill Clinton welcomes home the STS-79 crew and Astronaut Shannon Lucid. Lucid shattered all space endurance records posting 188 days in orbit including 179 days on the Russian outpost.



**OCTOBER** 📅 Bo Atkinson and other members of the Ellington Field Fire Department give live demonstrations on the best techniques for extinguishing fires during Safety and Total Health Day. Under blue skies and pleasant temperatures, JSC employees spent the day learning a variety of safety and total health issues.



**NOVEMBER** 📅 JSC engineers, scientists and managers showcase their technical advances in Bldg. 9 during the first NASA JSC Inspection. More than 1,200 top executives from companies in 28 states took advantage of the opportunity to learn about JSC's mission, technologies and facilities.



**DECEMBER** 📅 Astronauts Jerry Ross and Linda Godwin make the first suited dive in JSC's spacious new Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory in the Sonny Carter Training Facility.



**FEBRUARY** 📅 The first JSC trail ride brings out several horse-riding employees lead by a traditional covered wagon. The trail ride was one of many activities around the center during "Go Western" days. Look for expanded rodeo events around the center this year.

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